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“CodeRED” ALERT SYSTEM REMINDER

Residents of Elma are reminded to sign up for the free **CodeRED** alert notification system. The system will deliver important messages from your Town Officials by telephone about emergency situations or critical community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to residents who are effected by a particular situation, or in the case of a wide spread emergency like a snow storm. Messages can be sent to the Town’s entire population as quickly as Town Officials become aware of the situation.

This is an additional measure of safety that the Elma Town Board and administration believe all of our residents need and deserve. If the power goes out, you may not be able to depend upon radio and TV. However, because telephone lines are self powered, the Town can continue to keep you informed through messages delivered by **CodeRed**. This system is a direct connection between you and Town Government.

Supervisor Michael Nolan cautioned that such systems are only as good as the database that supports them. “If your number is not in the database, you will not be called. No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. The **CodeRed** system is free of charge, and entirely paid for by the Town of Elma” Nolan said.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary phone.

When signing up for **CodeRED** the Town of Elma respects your privacy.

CodeRED will be used only when situations arise that you should know about: blizzards, water main breaks, alerts concerning a missing child or adult, road closings, traffic alerts, law enforcement emergencies. In short, any emergencies and community alerts.

The Town of Elma strongly encourages you to sign up, because you are the most reliable source of information about how to reach your household by phone.

Town of Elma residents may sign up for the free service in three ways. On the Internet at www.elmanewyork.com, when the home page opens, click on the **CodeRED** logo in the lower left corner. If you do not have access to the internet you may call the Town Clerk’s office at 652-3260. A form is provided on the back of this newsletter, if needed. You may mail or drop it off at the Town Clerk’s office, 1600 Bowen Rd. Elma, New York.

STAY ALERT SIGN UP for CodeRED



Elma Organizations offer 2010 Scholarships

This year as in the past, **The Elma Kiwanis Club** and **The Elma Historical Society** are offering scholarships to students who are in their Senior year in the Iroquois School District.

The **Elma Kiwanis Club** is offering a \$600.00 scholarship per year for a period equal to the number of years necessary to achieve a degree or complete the required course of study, but not for more than four years.

The scholarship will be applied to the tuition cost of:

Four year colleges, two year colleges, agricultural Schools, Divinity schools technical or vocational training schools, and any other approved and recognized advanced learning institutions.

An application may be obtained at the Iroquois High School, The Elma Town Hall or by contacting any Kiwanis member. Applications must be received by **May 15, 2010**.

The Elma Historical Society will be awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to a senior in the Iroquois School District, who has been accepted to attend an accredited college, vocational school, or other institute of higher learning. Applications are available at the Iroquois High School, or may be downloaded at www.elmanyhistory.com. Applications must be received no later than **May 14, 2010**

New York State Open Burning Regulations

As the spring season fast approaches, it's time to think about picking up around the yard, and getting the BBQ grill ready for the summer months ahead. But, before you start raking up left over leaves and burning trash, the Town of Elma has this reminder.

Effective on October 14, 2009 the New York State Department of Conservation implemented new regulations regarding open burning.

The open burning of residential waste is now prohibited in all communities statewide, regardless of population, with exceptions for burning tree limbs and branches at limited times. Previously, the ban applied only to towns with populations of 20,000 or more.

It's been known that open burning of household garbage releases toxic fumes and poses a serious fire hazard. Burn barrels are considered the major uncontrolled source of dioxin. Burn barrels and burning of leaves are now banned in New York State.

The Elma Transfer Station has an area set aside for disposing of leaves.

The Department of Environmental Conservation encourages you to compost leaves, and recycle materials such as newspapers, glass and plastic. The Elma Transfer Station has set up areas for this purpose.

For more information on this regulation log on to the Town of Elma's website.

The open burning regulation bans all open burning with a few exceptions which are listed below.

All open burning is prohibited in New York State with these exceptions

- On-site burning of limbs and branches between May 15th and the following March 15th in any town with a total population less than 20,000
- Barbecue grills, maple sugar arches and similar outdoor cooking devices. Small cooking and camp fires.
- On-site burning of organic agricultural waste, but not pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material.
- Liquid petroleum fueled smudge pot to prevent frost damage.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires.
- Disposal of a flag or religious item.
- Burning on an emergency basis of explosive or other dangerous or contraband by police, etc.
- Prescribed burns performed according to state regulations.
- Fire training with some restrictions on the use of acquired structures.
- Individual open fires to control plant and animal disease outbreaks as approved by DEC upon the request by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- Open fires as necessary to control invasive plant and insect species.

Tri-Town Recreation 2010 Summer Programs

Tri-Town Recreation will continue to offer quality programming during the summer of 2010. Seven (7) weeks of programming has been scheduled this summer from **Monday, June 28th - Friday, August 13, 2010**. Three (3) 2-week sessions and a one (1) special week have been planned. The programs will be held at the Iroquois Middle School.

A **DAY CAMP** program will be offered for youth who have completed kindergarten - 5th grade. Youth will participate in a structured supervised program including sports & games, crafts, cooking, nature, swims, community guest and field trips. Specific events and activities will be planned around different weekly themes. Youth will be traveling to local parks, the Marilla Community Center and field trip sites each week. The Tri-Town Recreation day camp operates with a permit for Children's Camps from NYS Department of Health. Bus transportation available from Marilla and Wales Primary Schools for the Day Camp Program, 9am-3pm.

The **TOTAL DAY CAMP** program offers youth an extended time at camp, 7:30-5pm.

Tri-Town Recreation will be offering two programs for youth that have completed **6th-8th grades** during the summer. The **LEADERSHIP IN TRAINING PROGRAM (LIT)** will give youth the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills while enjoying daily swims, socializing with peers and attending weekly field trips. The **ADVENTURE PROGRAMS** offer theme oriented activities with field trips and daily swims.

Beginner and intermediate **YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS** will be offered for youth 6-15 years old. Lessons will include skill development and games.

SWIM PROGRAMS are offered Monday-Friday. Youth Beginner and Intermediate Swim Lessons will be offered. Plus a Youth Recreation Swim for 6-18 year olds and a Family Recreational Swim. Lap swims also available for adults.

General Questions may be answered by calling Kerry at the Elma Town Hall. 652-3260 ext. 20.

Students becoming involved in Elma's Saw Mill Project



Austin Halligan (left) and Jessie Creighton (right) work on refurbishing a fan mill, which was used in the late 1800's to separate grain. The fan can be powered by the saw mill when complete. Over seeing the project is instructor Rico Ruffino at Iroquois Woodworking Technology classes.

The Elma Historical Society is getting some renewed interest in the history of the community as students of the Iroquois High School and the Ormsby Technology Center in East Aurora have become involved in the re-construction of the 1840 Hurd and Briggs Saw Mill.

The Society has opened its doors to several community groups during the past two years of the construction of the building and saw mill. The goal is to recreate a working, water-powered mill and now the Iroquois Woodworking Technology and Production System classes and BOCES Ormsby Center's Construction Technology and Precision Machining classes are getting involved in the project.

Iroquois students, with assistance from instructor Rico Ruffino will be fabricating some of the mechanical workings of the mill. They are also helping to restore some of the artifacts the members of the Society hope to include in the finished saw mill museum.

Under the direction of Mr. David Reed and Mr. Ron Reisweber, students at the Ormsby Center will be getting hands on experience by manufacturing and assembling critical components for the saw mill frame and feed mechanism. The precision students will be utilizing CNC machines to produce pinion gears and a 60" diameter ring gear to close tolerances.

The Elma Historical Society members are thrilled to have the assistance of these talented students, and to introduce them to the history of our great community.

Town Plans Community Events at Elma Village Green Park for 2010

Town of Elma's Event Committees have been putting the final touches on this summer's Annual Band Concerts, Pumpkin Festival and Elma's Night Out.

A new event "Elma Day" has been planned on June 13th at the Village Green Park. The Lake Erie Region Antique Automobile Club of America has partnered with the Elma Historical Society for this event.

"Elma Day" will include an antique car show, craft Show, theme Baskets a chicken BBQ, and a flag disposal ceremony. Also featured will be Revolutionary War re-enactors. Other food selections will be available on the grounds.

This years Concerts on the Green will bring back the concert's most entertaining groups. Opening with singer, songwriter, Bill McDonald and the Ghost Riders, the 7 week series will include The Carnival Kids Band, Terry Buckwald, Crash Cadillac, JC Thompson, Switchback and the Auslanders.

"Elma's Night Out", a Town event, sponsored by Elma's Community Emergency Response Team, will be held on August 3rd, giving the community an awareness of crime prevention. It also gives the community the opportunity to get a close up inspection of our Town's emergency equipment, and meet the people who volunteer to protect your safety.

Elma's popular Pumpkin Fest is planned for October 3rd. The Update news will publish more information on this event and schedules in it's June issue.

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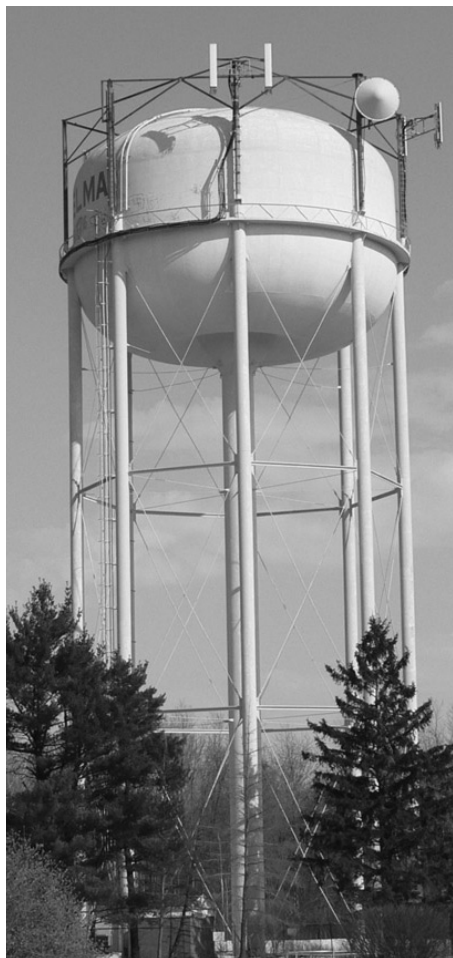
Announces

He will be in Elma at the Elma Town Hall 1600 Bowen Road, on **April 14th** to meet with the residents who need help with their concerns and questions

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9AM - NOON

Elma Water Department Update



Elma Water Department will completely rehabilitate this 750,000 gallon water storage tank near Billington Road in the Town of Elma this summer. The project is being done to ensure good water quality within the system.

The Town of Elma's Water Department will be completely rehabilitating our 750,000 gallon Billington Road water storage tank in the summer of 2010. The rehabilitation project will include all OSHA mandated upgrades which includes painting inside and out. The project is currently out to bid. The area serviced with this tank should not notice any loss of service or pressure. The rehabilitation should last about 30 days, and is being done to ensure good water quality within our system.

Elma's Water Superintendent Eugene Stevenson reminds the residents, "please do not plant flowers, bushes, or shrubs around fire hydrants. The Department must service the fire hydrants on an annual basis, and a fire-fighter could suffer eye damage, or trip over the plantings. Fire hydrants are on site for fire fighting equipment not lawn ornaments. Keep areas around the hydrant clear of plants and snow. It could effect your safety."

The Elma water system now has ACH Debit available for your bill paying convenience. Never loose your discount, even if you are out of town. Simply sign up at the Water Department office or get the form on line at

www.elmanewyork.com.

The Elma Water Department has an automatic reading system now available. Never have to read your water meter again. (This does require an increase in your meter deposit on file.) Avoid undetected leaks you have to pay for. You may call the department for an upgrade.

Water quality is a major concern to the Water Department. Superintendent Eugene Stevenson asks the residents "If you see anyone other than the fire companies or the Elma Town Departments using a fire hydrant, please call the office at 674-8855 or 911."

To ensure our town's water quality, the department checks our chlorine levels at 4 locations daily and takes 10 monthly samples that are checked by the Erie County Health Lab to ensure good clean water.



Elma Water Dept.- 5730 Seneca St., Elma, NY

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT FORM



Please take a moment to fill in the appropriate information below to be notified by the Town of Elma's Emergency Response Team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Mail or drop off at the Town Clerk's office at 1600 Bowen Rd, Elma, NY 14059. Enrollment also can be made at the Town of Elma web site www.elmanewyork.com.

First Name

Last Name

Address (Physical only, no P.O. Boxes.)

City

State

Zip

Primary Phone (Required)

Alternate Phone

TDD/TTY device

Check this box: ☐

☐ Primary is a cell phone

☐ Alternate is a cell phone

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER Entering an alternate phone number will cause BOTH the primary and alternate phone numbers to be contacted in the event a call goes out for the address specified.